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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains a report on the following:

- **Pursuit of County Position to Support AB 1580 (Gatto and Irwin).** This measure would require a consumer credit reporting agency to place a credit freeze for certain protected consumers upon the request of a consumer's representative. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals to: 1) increase identity theft protections; and 2) secure credit reports for foster youth, **the Sacramento advocates will support AB 1580.**
- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
  - **County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber)** - related to resentencing under Proposition 47 of 2014, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on August 1, 2016.
  - **County-sponsored SB 1008 (Lara)** - related to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Project, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 3, 2016.
- **County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on five County-advocacy measures related to: 1) banning State employee travel to states that discriminate; 2) San Pedro Courthouse property; 3) electronic candidate statements; 4) funding for pediatric trauma services; and 5) creating a Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission.

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### **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**AB 1580 (Gatto and Irwin)**, which as amended on June 21, 2016, would require a consumer credit reporting agency to place a credit freeze for certain protected consumers upon the request of a protected consumer's representative.

Existing State law requires a consumer credit reporting agency to place a security freeze on a consumer's credit report no later than three business days after receiving a request from the consumer. Equifax is currently the only major credit reporting agency that allows a parent or guardian in California to place a security freeze on behalf of their child or a medically incapacitated individual.

AB 1580 would permit a parent, or other legal representative, of certain protected consumers to place or remove a security freeze on the protected consumer's credit with all three major credit reporting agencies. The bill would generally define a protected consumer as an individual who is: 1) under 16 years of age; 2) incapacitated or a person for whom a guardian or conservator has been appointed; or 3) under 16 years of age, in a foster care setting, and under the jurisdiction of a county welfare department or probation department. The bill would require a consumer credit reporting agency to send written confirmation of the security freeze to the protected consumer's representative within ten days of placing the freeze.

The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) notes that permitting authorized representatives to place credit freezes for protected consumers, as provided for in AB 1580, would increase identity theft protections for vulnerable individuals. DCBA reports that when a security freeze is placed on a consumer's credit account, it is difficult for identity thieves to open new lines of credit. DCBA indicates that it is currently permitted to request credit freezes on behalf of Los Angeles County foster youth. However, the current process of requesting freezes for foster youth is difficult, and such freezes are not presently recognized by all credit reporting agencies. Therefore, according to DCBA, identity theft can still occur under the current process. AB 1580 would require all credit reporting agencies to communicate regarding identity theft cases to close this loophole, making DCBA's efforts to resolve identity theft more effective. The Department of Children and Family Services concurs with DCBA's analysis.

This office, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, and the Department of Children and Family Services support AB 1580. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals to: 1) increase identity theft protections; and 2) secure credit reports for foster youth, **the Sacramento advocates will support AB 1580.**

AB 1580 is supported by: AARP California; Attorney General Kamala Harris; County Welfare Directors Association of California; California District Attorneys Association; California Public Interest Research Group; Common Sense Kids Action; Consumer

Attorneys of California; National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter; Professional Fiduciary Association of California; Privacy Rights Clearinghouse; Sacramento County District Attorney; and Ventura County Sheriff's Office. The measure has no opposition on file.

AB 1580 is currently pending on the Senate Floor.

### **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**

**County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber)**, which as amended on May 19, 2016, would extend the time period for individuals to petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014 by five years, from November 4, 2017 to November 4, 2022, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on August 1, 2016. The Committee is expected to consider the Suspense File next week.

**County-sponsored SB 1008 (Lara)**, which as amended on April 27, 2016, would: 1) provide an extension of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Project's current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption from January 1, 2017 until January 1, 2020; 2) provide that the CEQA exemption, if granted, would not apply to school, cultural, sacred, or fire station sites; and 3) require the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority to hold a public hearing before making a determination that an individual project site is exempt from CEQA, file notices of the exemption with the State Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk, and post information regarding the environmental review processes on its website, was amended on August 1, 2016.

As amended, the requirement to hold a public hearing has been changed to instead require noticed public meetings in each county supervisorial district in which the LA-RICS project is located. This amendment addresses the concerns regarding delays that would result from the lead time necessary to notice and hold public hearings, which are not required under CEQA guidelines.

SB 1008 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0 on August 3, 2016, and it now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported AB 1887 (Low)**, which as amended on June 20, 2016, would ban State employees from travel to states with laws that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on August 1, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

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**County-supported AB 1900 (Jones-Sawyer)**, which as amended on March 31, 2016, would declare the San Pedro Courthouse property available for disposal and sale by the State, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on August 1, 2016. The Committee is expected to consider the Suspense File next week.

**County-supported AB 2010 (Ridley-Thomas)**, which as amended on May 25, 2016, would allow local election officials to accept and publish electronic statements from candidates for local, nonpartisan offices, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 75 to 0 on August 1, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 867 (Roth)**, which as amended on April 12, 2016, would extend, from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2027, the sunset date of Ritchie's Fund which authorizes counties to collect an additional penalty assessment on specified crimes to fund pediatric trauma services, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 60 to 6 on August 4, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-opposed SB 958 (Lara and Hall)**, which as amended on June 21, 2016, would establish a Citizens Redistricting Commission in only Los Angeles County to adjust the boundaries of its supervisorial districts after each decennial United States Census, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on August 3, 2016. The Committee is expected to consider the Suspense File next week.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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